

HOUSE BILL No. 1691

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-1-22; IC 21-3-13.

Synopsis: Full day kindergarten and school readiness. Establishes a grant program for full day kindergarten and school readiness programs beginning in the 2002-2003 school year. Requires school corporations to develop and submit a plan to the department of education and Indiana state board of education for approval before receiving a grant. Provides a grant of \$1,500 per grade 1 student who is eligible for free or reduced lunch and \$205 per other grade 1 student to school corporations for the programs. Appropriates \$62 per grade 1 student to schools to cover costs in developing a school readiness plan.

Effective: Upon passage; July 1, 2001; July 1, 2002.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education and to make an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-1-22 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2001]:

4 **Chapter 22. Full Day Kindergarten and School Readiness**
5 **Program Plan**

6 **Sec. 1. The Indiana state board of education shall adopt rules**
7 **under IC 4-22-2 establishing the criteria for acceptable school**
8 **readiness programs that may be approved under this chapter. The**
9 **rules must provide that programs similar to the following are**
10 **approved:**

- 11 (1) **Head Start under 42 U.S.C. 9831 et seq.**
12 (2) **Even Start.**
13 (3) **Transitional kindergarten and grade 1.**
14 (4) **Allowing students who have a date of birth before**
15 **September 1 to enter kindergarten.**
16 (5) **Other nationally accepted programs that improve school**
17 **readiness.**



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1 The criteria must be based on national studies and research on
2 school readiness programs.

3 Sec. 2. Each school corporation may adopt a plan to provide a
4 full day kindergarten or school readiness program, or both. The
5 plan must comply with the rules adopted under this chapter and
6 must include the following:

7 (1) Goals, objectives, and expectations of the program that are
8 consistent with each school's strategic and continuous school
9 improvement and achievement plan under IC 20-10.2-3.

10 (2) Anticipated or estimated participation in each program.

11 (3) Physical space needs, specifically identifying the potential
12 need for more classrooms or facilities or expansion of existing
13 rooms and including the estimated cost for additional space
14 that will be attributable to having a program.

15 (4) Transportation needs, including necessary additional bus
16 routes and buses and the estimated cost for necessary
17 expansion of transportation.

18 (5) Personnel needs, including necessary additional teachers,
19 aides, and other staff that will be required to maintain an
20 eighteen to one (18:1) student to teacher ratio in full day
21 kindergarten and the estimated cost for necessary additional
22 personnel.

23 (6) Professional development plans for program teachers,
24 including a description of the types and amount of training
25 that teachers in the program will be asked or required to
26 complete before implementing a program.

27 (7) Academic structure of the program, including the mix of
28 subject areas and activities that will be provided in the
29 program.

30 (8) Evaluation methods that will be used to monitor progress
31 toward meeting or exceeding the program goals, objectives,
32 and expectations.

33 A school corporation that has a full day kindergarten program that
34 allows any kindergarten age child to participate may submit a plan
35 that describes what the school corporation is doing to satisfy
36 subdivisions (1), (2), (7), and (8).

37 Sec. 3. (a) A governing body shall conduct a public hearing for
38 the purpose of giving all interested parties an opportunity to
39 review and comment on the plan. Notice of the hearing must be
40 given at least fourteen (14) days before the hearing in accordance
41 with IC 5-14-1.5-5(b). After the public hearing the governing body
42 may revise the plan and hold another public hearing on the revised



1 plan.

2 (b) The approved plan must be submitted to the department of
3 education for review and approval before January 1, 2002, to
4 receive a grant for the 2002-2003 school year. A school corporation
5 that does not submit a plan in 2001 must submit a plan to the
6 department of education for review and approval before January
7 1 of a school year to receive a grant in subsequent school years.

8 (c) The plan must then be submitted to the Indiana state board
9 of education for approval.

10 (d) A school corporation is not entitled to program funding
11 under IC 21-3-13 until a plan is approved by the Indiana state
12 board of education.

13 SECTION 2. IC 21-3-13 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
14 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
15 1, 2002]:

16 **Chapter 13. Full Day Kindergarten and School Readiness**
17 **Grants**

18 **Sec. 1.** The definitions set forth in IC 21-3-1.6 apply throughout
19 this chapter.

20 **Sec. 2.** In addition to the amount a school corporation is entitled
21 to receive under this article, each school corporation is entitled to
22 receive a grant for its full day kindergarten and school readiness
23 program that is implemented under a plan approved under
24 IC 20-1-22. The amount of the grant for a school year is
25 determined under STEP THREE of the following formula:

26 **STEP ONE: Multiply:**

27 (A) the number of grade 1 students enrolled in the school
28 corporation who are eligible to receive free or reduced
29 price lunches under guidelines established under 42 U.S.C.
30 1758(b); by

31 (B) one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500).

32 **STEP TWO: Multiply:**

33 (A) the number of grade 1 students enrolled in the school
34 corporation who are not eligible to receive free or reduced
35 price lunches under guidelines established under 42 U.S.C.
36 1758(b); by

37 (B) two hundred five dollars (\$205).

38 **STEP THREE: Add:**

39 (A) the product determined under STEP ONE; and

40 (B) the product determined under STEP TWO.

41 A school corporation shall use the grant for its full day
42 kindergarten and school readiness program under the plan



1 approved under IC 20-1-22.

2 **Sec. 3. This chapter expires July 1, 2003.**

3 **SECTION 3. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) Each school**
 4 **corporation is entitled to a school readiness program planning**
 5 **grant during December 2001 for planning and implementing a full**
 6 **day kindergarten and school readiness program as permitted by**
 7 **IC 20-1-22, as added by this act. The amount of each school**
 8 **corporation's grant is the school corporation's 2000-2001 average**
 9 **daily membership (as defined in IC 21-3-1.6-1.1) for grade 1,**
 10 **multiplied by sixty-two dollars (\$62).**

11 **(b) There is appropriated from the state general fund to the**
 12 **department of education the amount needed to make grant**
 13 **distributions under this SECTION. Distributions of this**
 14 **appropriation shall be made in December 2001. The distributions**
 15 **must be used only to pay for one (1) or more of the following:**

16 **(1) Developing and submitting the school corporation's school**
 17 **readiness program plan.**

18 **(2) Professional development of kindergarten teachers under**
 19 **the rules established by the professional standards board**
 20 **under IC 20-1-1.4.**

21 **(3) Implementing full day kindergarten or school readiness**
 22 **programs (as defined in IC 20-1-22), as added by this act.**

23 **(4) Operating full day kindergarten programs in existence on**
 24 **January 1, 2001.**

25 **(c) The Indiana state board of education shall adopt emergency**
 26 **rules under IC 4-22-2-37.1 before July 1, 2001, establishing the**
 27 **criteria for acceptable school readiness programs under**
 28 **IC 20-1-22, as added by this act, for the 2002-2003 school year. The**
 29 **emergency rules adopted under this SECTION expire on the**
 30 **earlier of:**

31 **(1) the date rules are adopted under IC 20-1-22-1, as added by**
 32 **this act; or**

33 **(2) July 1, 2002.**

34 **(d) This SECTION expires July 2, 2002.**

35 **SECTION 4. An emergency is declared for this act.**

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